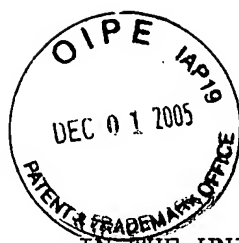


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DEVICE
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It is desired to cite for the record in this application the
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[] (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached
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- ☐ (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- ☐ (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
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- ☐ a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or
- ☒ the fee set forth in § 1.17(p) check in the amount of \$180.00

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- ☐ (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

- ☐ (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)

- ☐ (7) The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §

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These references have been cited in Japanese office actions dated April 26, 2004 and September 13, 2005 in the conventional priority Japanese patent application No. 2001-162814.

Although Japanese Utility Model Publication Sho60(1985)-157214A has no English translation, the technical features of the reference are as follows:

Japanese Utility Model Sho60-157214 (Fig. 2) teaches a coupling apparatus comprising a driving shaft 1, an inner sleeve 31 fitted at end of the driving shaft 1, an outer sleeve 32 fitted to the inner sleeve 31, an injection screw 2, wherein a spline 33 is formed at inner surface of the inner sleeve and outer sleeve and a spline 21 is formed at the end portion of the screw 2, the spline 21 and spline 33 are engaged with each other.

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Respectfully submitted,

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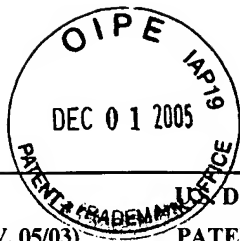
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